Abda of Dair-Koni

(c. 450 – 6th Century)

BRIEFING

Abda of Dair-Koni Classical Syriac: ܐܒܕܐ ܕܒܝܬ ܩܘܢܝ, (also known as **Rabban Mar Abda**) was a priest and abbot of the Church of the East.

BIOGRAPHY

He was born at Kynai also known as *Qani* (where the apostle Saint Mari was buried) of an immoral woman who exposed her child to the elements. He was subsequently educated by the Christian church and ordained a priest. He founded a monastery and a school at Dair Qoni. In this capacity, he served as the teacher of Mar Abba. After a career in which he successfully converted several Marcionites, he retired to Tella on the Serser River.

No feast day commemorating this saint has been found to have existed.